

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed October 9, 2007, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner indicated that the title of the invention was not sufficiently descriptive, and required a new title. In response, the current title has been deleted and substituted with a new title which is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the title is respectfully requested.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 1-16 for certain informalities. In response, claims 1-16 have been amended to remove the noted informalities as well as other informalities. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to claims 1-16 is respectfully requested. Claims 1-16 were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights under the Doctrine of Equivalents.

In the Final Office Action, claims 1-7 and 10-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,456,282 (Karube). Further, claims 8-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Karube in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0160247 (Miyazawa). It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-18 are patentable over Karube and Miyazawa for at least the following reasons.

Karube is directed to a load drive circuit having an inverting amplifier for controlling the voltage of a signal lines S. Feedback is provided with switches that are controlled to set the voltage substantially equal to a desired voltage, such as a threshold voltage. For example, as recite on column 6, lines 51-59, switches are controlled so that a voltage of node "a" of FIG 1 becomes substantially equal to the voltage of the input video signal.

It is respectfully submitted that Karube does not teach or suggest the present invention as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claims 10 and 17 which, amongst other patentable elements, requires (illustrative emphasis provided) :

means for detecting an open output of the display driver device to the picture elements and for interrupting the feedback mechanism upon detection of the open output.

Miyazawa is cited to allegedly show other features and does not remedy the deficiencies in Karube. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1, 10 and 17 are allowable, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-3, 5-9, 11-12, 14-16 and 18 should also be allowed at least based on their dependence from independent claims 1, 10 and 17 as well as for the separately patentable elements contained in each of said claims.

In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, Applicant reserves the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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